



FOTCL PRESENTS



Spin Us a Story! Contest Rules

Deadline For Entries: December 20, 2014

Spin Us a Story is a writing and / or illustrating contest for children from pre-school to 8th grade. The contest aims to build literary and creative skills by encouraging children to write and / or illustrate a story.

The contest is proudly presented in cooperation with

The Author's Festival Committee and the Friends of the Children's Library,

the **Sand Scribes Children's Writing Group,** and

The Children's Department of the Huntington Beach Public Library

Visit our website: www.fotcl.org and Surf City Kids Book Fest Facebook page to learn more.

PRE-SCHOOLERS TO 8TH GRADERS are invited to send in one or both of these options:

1) Submit a written entry in one of these formats: story, poem, letter, or essay.

2) Submit an illustration in any medium.

All entries must be on letter size paper (8 ½ x 11); please use only one side of the paper.

How to Enter:

- ❖ The Spin Us a Story contest runs from October 1 to December 20, 2014.
- ❖ You may submit one written piece or one illustration or one of each.
- ❖ Stories, essays, poems, and letters can be handwritten or typed, and they must be no more than 700 words. Illustrations must fit on one (8 ½ x 11) page.
- ❖ Every page of your entry must have the story title on it (either on the front or back.)
- ❖ **DO NOT write your name anywhere on the manuscript or illustration;** the judges want to be fair and impartial. Attach an entry form to each submission (stapling suggested.)
- ❖ Both written entries and illustrations are eligible to win prizes or receive awards.
- ❖ Selected entries will be displayed in the library for approximately one month beginning Monday, January 19, 2015.
- ❖ Please keep a copy of your work as entries will not be returned.
- ❖ **Entries must be received at the HB Children's Library by 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 20, 2014.**
- ❖ Winners will be notified by Saturday, January 18 and they will receive their prizes at the Authors Festival Afternoon Reception at the Library on Tuesday January 27th, 2015.
- ❖ A full list of all students who receive awards will be posted in the Children's Department of the Central Library, all four branches, and at www.fotcl.org by Saturday, January 17, 2015.
- ❖ Winners will receive gift cards to Barnes & Noble.
- ❖ Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judges and their decisions are final.
- ❖ PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES before you submit your entry. Last year we disqualified several entries because they did not follow directions!!

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